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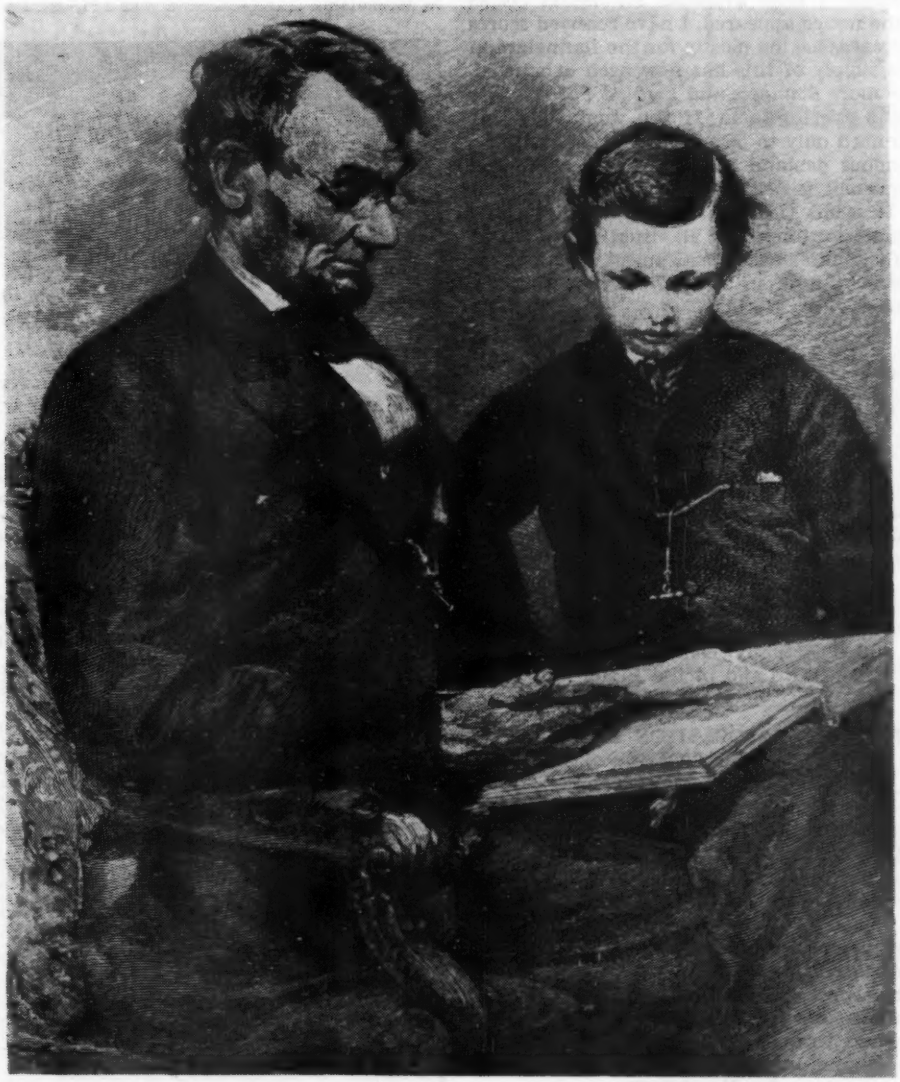

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Lincoln Reads to His Son

MEXICO'S CHALLENGE

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In the *Evangel* of November 11, 1957, I have a notice concerning flannelgraph material, *Evangels*, and *Lighted Pathways* I have available for use in gospel work. Since the notice appeared, I have received scores of letters and cards asking mostly for the flannelgraph material. The supply of this has now been exhausted, but I do have more *Evangels* and *Lighted Pathways* to mail those who ask for them. If you would like this material, you need only to pay the postage.

The tremendous demand for flannelgraph material shows how much it is needed, especially on the missions fields. It seems that the larger churches could collect such material (including all visual aid material) to be sent to the missions fields. You may contact me at the following address: Gladys Cherry, Route 1, Box 868, Orange Park, Florida.

A charming 22-page booklet of folk tales and legends, entitled "Israel, Treasury of Legend" is available free of charge upon request from Israel Government Tourist Office, 574 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Beautifully illustrated with photos, colored reproductions of mosaics dating back to the first century B.C., and delightful art work, the booklet reflects the pageant of folklore and heritage of Israel. Here are tales of Jerusalem, the Galilee, the Sharon, the Negev, legends of mountains and villages, of prophets, saints, heroes and peasants.

"Israel, Treasury of Legend" is a glimpse into Biblical history, which actually comes to life when a tourist visits Israel, the Land of the Bible.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION PLANS 1958 CONVENTION

"Christ in You, the Hope of Glory" is the theme of the 1958 convention of the National Association of Evangelicals to be held in Chicago, April 14-18. Under the guidance of Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, convention chairman, the meetings will carry out the theme with a threefold emphasis on prayer, fellowship and inspiration.

Due to the advances made by the association, the convention is being extended to include an additional half-day of meetings.

All commissions and affiliates of the organization will hold meetings throughout the four-day period to discuss problems and opportunities in their respective fields and to lay plans for the future.

Two nights of prayer are planned under the leadership of the Reverend Armin Gesswein, chairman of the NAE Spiritual Life Commission. Fellowship hours are scheduled to provide opportunities for delegates to become acquainted.

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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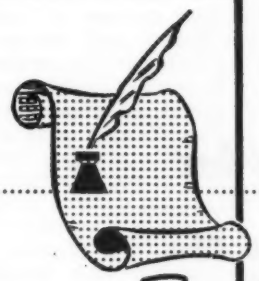

The Editor's Message

THE CHURCH OF GOD was saddened on December 31, 1957, by the death of Brother E. M. Ellis, one of the most outstanding ministers in the Church during the past thirty-nine years, having been licensed since 1919. The ministry of Brother Ellis has been long and illustrious, as is attested by the many posts he held for the Church. For fifteen years he was a member of the Supreme Council; he served three years on the Editorial and Publications Board, six years on the Missions Board, one year on the Orphanage Board, eight years on the Lee College Board of Directors, nineteen years on the general Board of Trustees, and seven years on the Council of Seventy while it existed. He served as overseer of South Carolina (1924-1926); California, Nevada and Arizona, (1936-1937); Florida (1937-1941); North Carolina (1941-1942); and Alabama (1942-1944). In 1948 he was a member of the special nine-man committee that drafted the present Declaration of Faith.

Brother Ellis represented the middle generation in an illustrious family. He was the son of J. B. Ellis, one of the pioneer preachers of the Church of God in Alabama.* The prominence and the ability of the father left a high reputation for the son to follow. Living up to the reputation of a great father is a task at which many fail, but E. M. Ellis in many respects attained the stature of his father, and in some possibly surpassed it.

If living up to the reputation of a successful father is a test of the ability of a man, then instilling within his children those principles and virtues and objectives within him is still a greater test. Brother Ellis was the father of four children, all of whom are active in the Church today. Basil E. Ellis is overseer of Missouri; Vep Ellis is an outstanding evangelist and one of America's top Christian composers; and Henry Ellis is a pastor in Columbus, Ohio. Brother Ellis' daughter, Tannis, is the wife of W. C. Byrd, Overseer of Tennessee. She is prominent in the work of the Church. Continuing the ministerial succession, two of Brother Ellis' grandsons are in preparation for the ministry; James Byrd and David Ellis.

Brother Ellis was a member of the Supreme Council at the time of his death, and is only the second council member to die while in office.† He was active and vigorous until the time of his death. A man of firm and positive convictions he never flinched nor quailed in standing for that which he believed. The vigor and wisdom of his discussions during our last Supreme Council meeting impressed me deeply. He was a strong and vital force for any cause he espoused.

The funeral of Brother Ellis at the East Chattanooga Church of God on January 4 had many aspects of triumph and victory rather than inconsolable grief. It was as if the great number who assembled to pay their last respects, including more than 100 ministers, thought less of death and more that he had attained that for which he had looked these many years. Death was not defeat but success in reaching that toward which he had been driving since boyhood.

The *Evangel* extends its condolences to the bereaved and lonely family, and to the Church of God because it has lost the services of one who was so much a part of it. The family is left with the memory of a beloved husband, father, brother; and the Church is left with his influence.

**Two other children of J. B. Ellis became ministers in the Church of God: J. B. Ellis, Jr. and Derosa (Mrs. H. L. Hunt).*

†The first was T. W. Godwin who died in 1953.

COMING NEXT WEEK

"THE GREAT APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH"
By Harry A. Mushegan

ON THE SPOT—
"IS READING CHRISTIAN FICTON A WASTE OF TIME?

"PORTRAIT OF A METROPOLITAN CHURCH"

What Is the Baptism With the Holy Ghost?

By J. E. DeVore

Minot, North Dakota

IN ACTS 2:12 WE hear a multitude crying, "What meaneth this?" The Apostle Peter answers, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. . . ." The question "What meaneth this?" is of vital importance. I believe it is worthy of our most sincere consideration.

A careful reading of Luke 10:17-20 and Acts 2:1-4 reveals that it is possible for one to be saved and have his name written in heaven before he receives the baptism with the Holy Ghost. By studying John 17:15-22 and Acts 1:14; 2:1 along with Acts 2:2-4 we can readily see that it is possible for persons to be sanctified before they are baptized with the Holy Ghost. Now, what is the baptism with the Holy Ghost?

First, this wonderful experience is a fulfillment of prophecy. God said in Joel 2:28, 29, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit." When you hear persons testifying to the Pentecostal experience according to Acts 2:4, it is a fulfillment of prophecy; it is a keeping of the Lord's promise, and it is a sure sign that Jesus is coming soon. James said, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh," James 5:7, 8.

Second, the baptism with the Holy Ghost is a blessing that opens the windows of heaven. In Malachi 3:10 we read, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not *open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing,* that there shall not be room enough to receive it." The spectacle of a house with all the windows and doors bolted and barred is an uninviting sight to behold. It has a forbidding appearance. It seems to hold us at a distance and it says, "You are not welcome here." But, thank God, here in the Word of God we have a promise from God of an experience with God that will open all the windows in the heaven of God so that the blessings of God can pour down on the believing child of God.

Third, the baptism with the Holy Ghost is a poured-out blessing. In Joel 2:28 God said, "I will pour out my spirit. . . ." The first fulfillment of this promise took place on Pentecost morning some seven to ten days after the ascension of Christ as the one hundred and twenty disciples were praising and blessing God in the upper room. Suddenly, there came a sound from heaven. Praise God, the Holy Ghost descended straight down from on high. The Lord Jesus breathed upon them from His heavenly throne. He, being by the right hand of God exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, has shed forth this which you now see and hear. Jesus is now being glorified, for the Holy Ghost has been given.

As for the disciples, they were experiencing unearthly joy, for they were being filled with the Holy Ghost. And the Word says, "Cloven tongues like as of fire . . . sat upon each of them." It was not the dumb tongue of Zacharias, it was not the dead tongues of ages past, but flaming, living, witnessing tongues of

Pentecostal power. Those tongues like fire were a symbol of the divine power that rests upon every Holy Ghost-baptized Christian. It is a power that burns down, burns up, burns through all opposition as it witnesses for Christ. Then, "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The Jews from every nation were amazed as they heard these uneducated Galileans speaking in their own tongues wherein they were born and declaring to them the wonderful works of God. Blessed be that hour when the Holy Spirit descended and spoke through the lips of mortal men the immortal truth of God. Had He never come as Jesus promised that He would come, my mother might have taught me that stones were gods and that cows were sacred. She might have sacrificed me on some altar to appease the wrath of her angry gods. However, the Holy Ghost did come down from heaven and He is still in the world today, convicting men of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Fourth, the baptism with the Holy Ghost is a full blessing. "There shall not be room enough to receive it" is the promise in Malachi 3:10, and if there is not enough room to receive it, then it must be a full blessing. The human soul is so constructed that it is not satisfied short of a full blessing. Any person who is truly saved from his sins and dedicated to the service of God will never be satisfied until he is filled with all the fullness of God. There is a longing within his heart for spiritual fullness and completeness. That longing is the logic of heaven in the soul. As hunger declares the fact of bread, and thirst proves the existence of water, so that longing for spiritual fullness is proof enough that God has provided just such a blessing to meet that specific need.

Fifth, the baptism with the Holy Ghost is an uncontainable blessing. If there isn't "room enough to receive it," we must conclude that it is an uncontainable blessing. So many have only a containable blessing these days. They have a blessing they can contain and control with the greatest ease. They can keep it under subjection without moving a muscle, blinking an eye or shedding a tear, without a shout, an amen, a praise or hallelujah. It is a containable blessing that they have. If they ever had that overflowing, spontaneous baptism with the Holy Ghost, they quenched Him somewhere along the way until they no longer need to quench Him. You can resist the Holy Spirit of God until He will no longer stir your heart and bless your soul as you worship the Lord in private or in His house. I suppose a containable blessing is better than no blessing at all, but I pray, "Lord, give us that old-time, eye-opening, ear-unstopping, tongue-loosing, limb-straightening, soul-regenerating, heart-changing, life-transforming Holy Ghost joy and victory that will cause us to yield to Him for the constant, abiding presence of this *uncontainable blessing,* the overflowing baptism with the Holy Ghost.

Sixth, this baptism is a running-over and a flowing-forth blessing. The picture suggested to the mind in those words "There shall not be room enough to receive it" is very evident indeed. We can easily see that the baptism with the Holy Ghost is a spiritual fountain that is always overflowing. When a person receives this mighty experience he radiates the blessings of God out and on to others. If he tried to keep the blessing for himself only, he would stagnate in his experience. Too many try to do this and when they stagnate, they cease to live, they droop, they wither and they die. But the man who has the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit has him—that man will be a blessing.

Multiply him into a church filled with men and women, boys and girls full of the Holy Ghost and I will show you a congregation pouring out on a city or community in deeds of mercy. I will show you a working church where the sick are visited, prisoners are looked after, strangers are made welcome. I will show you a church looking for an opportunity to start a prayer meeting or branch Sunday School across town, doing all it can to spread the gospel at home and also to the ends of the earth. I will show you a church where salvation power is felt at all times and God's blessings rest upon that church continually.

Seventh, this baptism is a blessing that supplies us with spiritual food for a starving and perishing world. Our God challenges us to obey Him so "that there may be meat in mine house. . . ." He desires to take soul-loving, devoted, Spirit-filled Christians and use them as His servants in His house. He purposes to line the rafters and load the shelves with spiritual food, and then bombard the church with hungry-hearted sinners, penitent backsliders, lives gone down under the influence of lust, appetite, passion and pride, people undone in reputation and character, hearts broken and sorrowing because of sin and sickness, and have them met and welcomed at the door, comforted and cheered, healed and helped, saved and blessed, as fast as they come.

Eighth, this baptism is a necessary experience. Jesus said, "It is expedient for you. . . . When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin and righteousness and of judgment." The person who is full of the Holy Ghost will convict sinners. His life will be a testimony to the world that will count for God.

Ninth, this baptism is a dynamic experience. Jesus promised, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses. . . ." Electrified, magnetized, charged by the power of the Holy Ghost, we can draw souls to the Lord; we can touch the world with healing hands; we can send forth streams of mercy to the ends of the earth.

Tenth, this baptism is a comforting, fear-conquering, faith-building experience. In Acts 4:31 we read that "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." The religious rulers had commanded Peter and John "not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus" (Acts 4:18). But Satan cannot keep Holy-Ghost-filled people from telling the wonderful message of Jesus and His power to save.

For all the above reasons, God has provided this enduement of spiritual power for spiritual service, this baptism with the Holy Ghost, and the promise is to "as many as the Lord our God shall call." Amen.

What Pastors Can Do To Promote Missions

By Ruth Crawford

Lee College

THE RESPONSIBILITY of evangelizing the world does not rest alone upon our missionaries; on the contrary, it is the responsibility of every Christian. The local church should be a nucleus where its members may become missions minded —ever keeping in mind the value of a soul, what a sacrifice was made to redeem it, and that each Christian is in a very real sense his brother's keeper.

In my opinion, the pastor can do more than anyone else to promote missions in the local church. I realize, of course, that the pastor is not the immediate supervisor of every activity in the church, but he is the

shepherd of the flock and activities usually meet with his approval.

A beginning might be made in an educational campaign. If the church is to provide volunteers and funds on an adequate scale, it must be kept aroused to the need. Inasmuch as so little time is given to teaching in Sunday School in proportion to our 168-hour week, more time must be given to teaching the people if they are to be grounded in the Word.

Missions study classes could be organized for the church. The ladies and men respectively could meet at a time which would be convenient for them. This should be a time of real study. A basic missions course could be taught; missions fields or timely problems could be studied together. If the pastor desired, the mid-week services could be devoted to this study for six or eight weeks. A systematic study of missions will do wonders for a church. It will lead to a wider missionary vision, to the formation of missions bands, to increased prayer, giving, and service on the part of the entire church.

To supplement these study classes, the pastor should preach missions sermons periodically, the frequency depending upon the need. He should have no trouble finding a text, as the Bible teaches missions from cover to cover. It would also be advisable to have visiting missionaries speak in the church occasionally. If the pastor keeps the need before the church and shows his approval by preaching on the subject himself, the people will respond to the message more readily than under other circumstances.

When it comes to giving, no excuse can be made that people do not have money to give. Almost everyone spends money on luxuries and other things which interest him. The pastor should help his church to realize that world evangelism is too vital an enterprise to support with what is left after everything else has been provided for. I'm afraid too often there would be nothing left to support missions.

The method of raising money would have to be worked out according to the characteristics of the individual church and pastor. It is important, however, that a church have a method and that the members contribute systematically and proportionately according to their ability.

The method of taking a missions offering once a year is rather unsatisfactory, as some of the people will be absent from the service for good reasons, whereas some will deliberately absent themselves if they know a missions drive is on. Probably the best method would be a pledge system. A person might not mind slipping some small change in the collection basket when it is passed, but he would not even consider putting that small figure down on a pledge card. Another advantage to the pledge system would be that the people could make payments on their pledges as they have the means.

Whatever a pastor does to raise money for missions, he should never lower himself to apologetic pleading. If he doesn't feel that the money is for a worthy cause, he is in no position to ask for it. The pastor should, at all times, have the right view of the great work God has commissioned the Church to do and proceed to accomplish what he can with that view in mind.

The pastor should keep before the church the life of service on the field. God must have laborers and where will these laborers come from if the Church does not supply them? If young people hear of the great challenge to take Christ to all the world, many of them will respond to God's call for service. Even in the Sunday School classes, some mention should be made each Sunday of world evangelism. After all, the Bible is based on the Great Commission, and missions could be brought in very easily. Also, good missions programs can be organized to present in youth services that are very beneficial.

All these things I have mentioned, however, will be of no avail unless they are saturated with prayer. Everyone can pray and the pastor should encourage his members to pray daily, ever taking the individual missionaries before the Lord in prayer. If the pastor would pray for the missionaries in his pastoral prayer, it would set a good example, as well as remind the people of their duty. Repetition makes for learning, so the oftener a matter is brought before people, the more conscious of it they will become.

The pastor should see to it that the church library is stocked with plenty of books dealing with missions. Some should be included for the children in particular, as their hearts are tender and their minds keen to grasp the knowledge offered.

If every pastor and every church in the United States would rise to the challenge, I believe the world could be evangelized in this generation.

I DARE NOT IDLE STAND

I dare not idle stand,
While upon every hand
The whitening fields proclaim the harvest near;
A gleaner I would be
Gathering dear Lord, for Thee,
Lest I with empty hand at last appear.

I dare not idle stand,
While on the shifting sand
The ocean casts bright treasures at my feet;
Beneath some shell's rough side
The tinted pearl may hide,
And I with precious gift my Lord may meet.

I dare not idle stand,
While over all the land
Poor, wandering souls need humble help like mine;
Brighter than the brightest gem
In monarch's diadem,
Each soul a star in Jesus' crown may shine.

I dare not idle stand,
But at my Lord's command,
Labor for Him throughout my life's short day;
Evening will come at last,
Day's labor all be passed,
And rest eternal my brief toil repay.

MEXICO'S CHA

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General Medina and Rev. Portugal, his interpreter, were featured in a series of meetings in many areas last month. The answers to questions put to the General are included here.

How long have you been a Christian, General Medina?

Fifteen years.

What was the first task you undertook for Christ?

I asked the pastor what I could do. He discouraged my doing anything because he knew that I was an army man and did not feel that I could be used effectively. However, I heard that some people were going to clean out the church, and I came down one morning with a duster, scrub pail, and a mop. When I arrived at the church the people tried to discourage me, saying that this was no task for a Brigadier General of the Mexican Army. I told them that just because I was a Brigadier General, no one should rob

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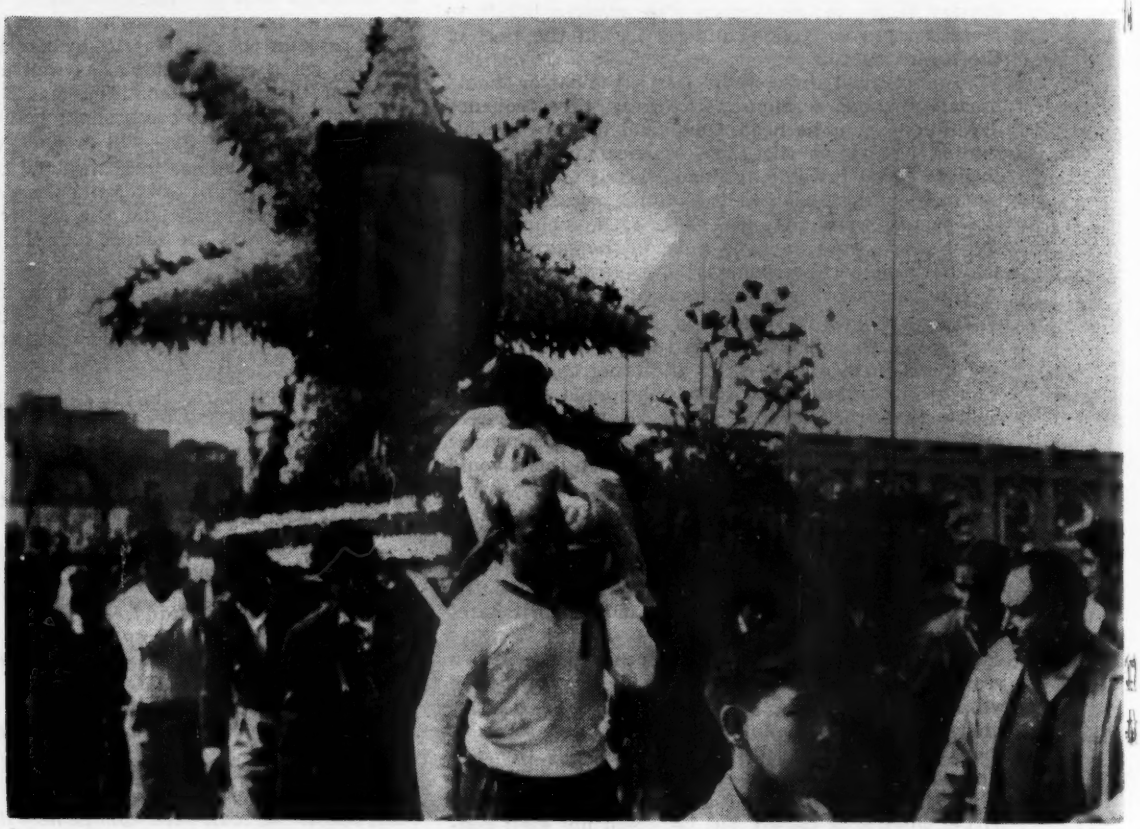

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General Medina and Rev. Portugal, his interpreter. (1)

The door of the WHBL offices. (2)

View of a pilgrimage Ciudad Jardin Colonia to village of Guadalupe. (3)

Refreshment place, whose owner receives New Testament given by WHBL (4)

Distribution of WHBL's Testaments in a refreshment place. (5)

Farmers in Jojutla, state of Morelos, reading New Testaments given by WHBL (6)

The Mexico State Pilgrimage at their arrival at Guadalupe Basilica. (7)

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me of my privilege of being used in this small token or service.

God has promised to bless all those who are willing to do little things in the Kingdom. This has proven very true in General Medina's case. Just what do you do today for Christ in Mexico?

I am the Director of the Mexican Home Bible League, President of the Gideons in Mexico, Counselor of the American Bible Society and President of an Orphanage for Mexican children at Acapulco.

What is the population of Mexico?

35 million people live in Mexico proper. 4½ million in Mexico City.

What percentage are Roman Catholic?

At least 80%. The others are unbelievers, pagans and 3 million of the remainder are Christians.

Is there a separation of Church and State in Mexico?

Yes, one hundred years ago a humble man from the town of Oaxaca was responsible for separation of church and state. He was an Indian who became educated, was a lawyer and eventually President of Mexico. He was excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church for this action.

Does it really pay to distribute Bibles to the migrants in this area when they only stay here a few weeks and then go away and we have lost our contact?

General Medina answered that the migrant work is a most important work and that its effect can be felt throughout Mexico. Many of these men have come back with changed lives and right attitudes. Some of them not only confess Christ openly, but also preach the Gospel to those who have never heard it. The migrant situation in the States is of tremendous significance to the cause of Christ.

Can the people of Mexico read?

It is safe to say that almost everywhere at least one member of each family in Mexico can read. The Government is spending a considerable amount of money in educating the masses.

Are there any results of this distribution?

Yes, there are many results. We know of thousands of souls saved. The church has been built up and in areas where the church did not exist, new congregations have taken root.

How many Testaments are needed in Mexico?

At least 6 million.

How many Testaments has the League distributed in Mexico?

The Bible League has distributed at least 100,000 Testaments and at least 100,000 "Dios Habla" (God Speaks).

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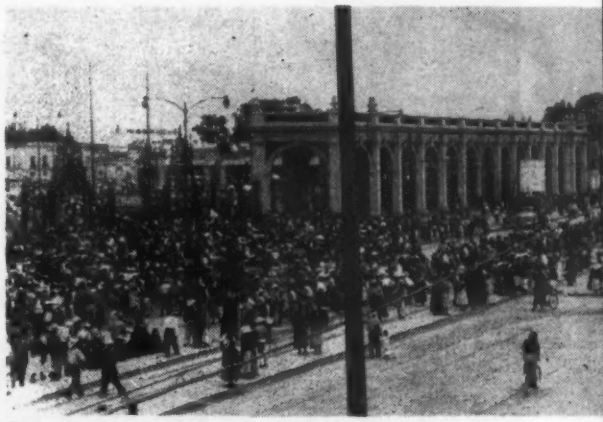

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What is the Shrine of Guadalupe?

The Shrine of Guadalupe is a very famous Catholic Cathedral. On special days there are between 35 and 45,000 people who meet there.

What is the purpose of the people coming to this cathedral?

They come mainly for forgiveness of sins and healing of the body and intercession for loved ones in purgatory.

What do they do when they enter the outer gate?

They fall on their knees a great deal away from the center stairway; crawling on their knees, they believe that by enduring this hardship the mother Mary will be more sympathetic to their problems.

How far do people come to visit the shrine?

They come very long distances. They use the plane, the train, the bus and bicycle, but most of the very poor people walk. Many times when they reach the doorway, their knees are bleeding.

What is the difference between the Roman Catholic Church in the States and in Mexico?

The Roman Catholic Church in America is more tolerant. The Church of Mexico is in the majority. It is oftentimes filled with corruption and paganism. It is not uncommon to see a band of dancing pagan Indians in front of the cathedral. Idols are worshipped. In some instances our ministers have been tormented and stoned and our churches burned.

Editor's note: The Reverend Alejandro Portugal mentioned in this article is our Church of God overseer of Central Mexico.

FLORIDA'S NEW STATE OFFICE DEDICATED

Pictured below is the new state office of the Church of God in Florida, located at 5606 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, Florida. Open house was held September 10, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ministers, members, and friends throughout the day visited their new state offices and enjoyed refreshments as they met church workers from all over the State. It is located on one of Tampa's busiest avenues and is admired by those who pass.

These new offices consist of a reception room, council room, general office (which is shared by both secretaries), state overseer's office, state youth director's office, L.W.W.B. office, mail and mimeograph room, and two rest rooms. It has a central heating and air-conditioning unit which makes working in these offices a real pleasure.

Those taking part in the open house and dedicatory service were Houston R. Morehead, General Overseer; James A. Cross, Assistant General Overseer; Earl P. Paulk, Assistant General Overseer; H. D. Williams, General Secretary-Treasurer; and Wade H. Horton, Field Representative of the Missions Department; and A. M. Phillips, Overseer of Florida.

—*Reporter*

Christians, Take Warning

BATESVILLE, Ark.—I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, belong to the Church of God and mean to go all the way and make heaven my home. I am an old lady and have no way of going places, but if I did have I would try to take someone to church often.

A 15-year-old boy stayed with me this summer and as he did not have a way to go either, I prayed for some Christian people to ask him to go to church with them. They came by, had room in their car for more people but didn't ask him. Then later a sinner man and his wife and son came by and asked this boy to go with them to the ball game, which he did. I cried because the churchgoers did not think enough of their Lord to go to the trouble of taking someone along with them. Therefore, as far as they are concerned, he became a ball fan instead of a worker in the Master's kingdom.

—*Ida Smith*

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A Warning, A Testimony, and a Request

Deuteronomy 23:21, 23, "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform."

Ecclesiastes 5:4-6, "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin."

Many of God's children are at ease in Zion, not the least bit disturbed when it seems impossible to have a revival in the church. Thousands never pray through or return to the first love because of broken vows. Many are in insane asylums because of their broken vows. Once I made a vow to serve God as long as I lived, if He would answer a prayer. God answered, but I neglected to pay that vow. When the death angel took a precious jewel out of our home, I knew the cause of its going. Heartache and grief follow broken vows. If all Christians today would pay their vows, our nation would experience the greatest revival it has ever known.

Not many ministers today ever mention the millions of demons which fill the air to tempt, oppress, possess, and finally rule the lives of people. There is only one devil, but he sends millions of demons to accomplish the destruction of individuals, break up homes, confuse the minds, and bind whole families in many instances. The devil is the prince of the power of the air. We must remain covered by the precious blood of Christ.

God called me to do home mission work among Jews. He anointed and gave me a message to the church on "the importance of Jewish evangelism." However, I became too busy with this work to study my Bible, and spend the much-needed time in prayer which God requires. Then when I felt I was going to do more for the Lord than ever before, my mother had a stroke and I went home to help care for her.

Very soon demon forces surrounded my brain with accusation. I became desperate; my doubts and fears became almost unbearable. I tried to pray and words just would not come. I would say things to people I did not mean to say, then repent and ask them to forgive me, but it would happen again. My heart was breaking; a burning sensation would take hold of my brain. I would try to pray, "Lord, if I can't pray, I'll live for you anyway. I'll keep on loving you, Lord, for I know I'm your child."

I attended services at different churches, asking for prayer, but I felt that no one seemed really concerned. I did not realize that I was oppressed of the devil until I read a book on deliverance from worry, nerves, and demons. Then I wrote the author of this book and *Herald of Hope* for prayer and anointed cloths. I received letters from each, telling me how to resist the devil by recognizing and rebuking him in the mighty name of Jesus when his symptoms came to cause me to doubt my deliverance.

I promised God I would preach in sackcloth if He would deliver me from this horrible condition. No one except those who have suffered oppression of the devil knows what a miracle has been performed by the Lord when deliverance comes. I thank God for my complete deliverance. I have enjoyed this wonderful freedom for about two years now.

There are many who are bound by demons and do not know the nature or cause of their oppression, with frustration of mind, nervousness and a worried, desperate feeling. These demon forces have so many bound that many churches are dead. There are spirits of unconcern, spiritual slumber, jealousy, selfishness, worldliness, pride, hatred, resentment, stubbornness, lust and ugly temper in the world today.

God help us to fast, pray, consecrate and seek God's will in our lives or multitudes will go to hell and we will be left to be tormented in the awful knowledge that their blood is required at our hands.

Humility and obedience will bring revival, and revival we must have. Seek faith, holy boldness, power and freedom from fear because the fearful and unbelieving will be among all other evildoers in the lake of fire. Do not let broken vows cause you to lose your soul. Be humble, suffer persecution, seek to bring deliverance to suffering humanity.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Can you meet His conditions and bring deliverance to those who are bound? Ministers, this is a challenge given you from God through one who has suffered the horrible experience of demon oppression. Thank God for deliverance and those who prayed the prayer of faith for me.

—*Mrs. Walter A. Daughdrill, Sr.*

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God Heals Malignancy

BOWLING GREEN, Fla.—On May 28, 1957, I had an operation for tumor. After tests were made the doctor informed me that it was malignant. I was confined in the hospital for five and a half weeks, and during this time I took X-ray therapy treatments. The doctors were trying to kill the spread of this malignancy. After 24 of these treatments, they let me go home. Just a few days after I came home I discovered a large lump above my

heart on my shoulder. The doctor operated and removed this lump. After tests were made it was proved to be cancerous. The doctors told me there was nothing else they could do. This happened in Lakeland, Florida. I then went to a specialist in Daytona Beach. I was so weak I could not return home that day. My husband and small son were with me and we spent the night there. I was so sick I could not sleep. About one o'clock I felt a desire to pray. I knelt down beside my bed and prayed. My husband was unsaved, but he began crying and praying with me. Then I felt a deep settled peace flooding over me and I was healed instantly. Every pain was gone, praise God. My husband was also saved that night on August 9, 1957. I am a member of the Church of God in Bowling Green, Florida, and I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost on January 29, 1955.

—Mrs. John R. Bozeman
Attested by Rev. C. R. Kilgore, pastor

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Healed By God's Power

BONNE TERRE, Mo.—I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He filled me with the Holy Ghost and saved me when I was 6 years old. Now I am 13 and I go to the Church of God here in Bonne Terre, Missouri. I was healed of kidney trouble and other things. I have belonged to the Church of God for about 5 years and I want to follow Jesus all the rest of my life. *—Darlene Vandiver*

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God Answers Prayer

ROCKFORD, Ill.—I do want to praise my blessed Lord for the strength He gives me from day to day, also for His healing power. I was taken to the hospital and the doctor said I had cancer. I knew better, for God had healed me of cancer in 1954. He has boundless love for those who obey His will. I thank God for answering prayer, also for the faithfulness of Brother C. W. Kerch and Brother J. Price. I also thank God for Brother Garrett and his church in Davenport, Iowa, for their many prayers for me while I was in the hospital. My husband is in the Swedish American Hospital this day with an enlarged heart and spots on the lung. Please pray for his complete healing. *—Mrs. Myrtle Houser*

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Sugar Diabetes Healed

HARDY, Va.—I was healed of sugar diabetes in 1956. I was stricken in November and my blood sugar was 4.60. The doctor told me there was no cure for it, as far as doctors knew. But I told him the God that I loved and served could and would heal me without insulin. Brother C. H. Vance, pastor of the Roanoke Church of God and a couple of members and Beulah Skidmore, pastor of the Assembly of God, came and prayed for me, and the Lord healed me without one shot of insulin. I will tell any child of God if he will only believe and trust the Lord He can and will heal all manner of disease. Sugar diabetes is not at all hard for Jesus. All He wants is for us to look to Him. He is the same now as He was 1900 years ago. He is a good God and I recommend Him for all your ailments. *—Gertrude Palmer*

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Healed of High Blood Pressure and Heart Trouble

CENTERVILLE, Iowa—On August 18, I had a heart attack. I had high blood pressure, also. The doctor was called and he told my folks there was no hope for me. One of the ladies from the church was called in and had prayer for me. They had prayer for me at church, too. They took me to the hospital in the evening and I was put under oxygen. A cardiogram was taken and sent to a specialist in Illinois; when it came back to my doctor it was all right. I do praise God for answering prayer. A few weeks later I was prayed for in the church for high blood pressure, and when I made my next call to the doctor's office, my blood pressure and heart condition were cured. I do praise God for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Robey, and that we can have the miracle-working hand of God moving in our local church. Praise His holy name. *—Mrs. Margrete Dunham*
Attested by Rev. Melvin Robey

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Heart Trouble Corrected by Prayer

MULLINS, S. C.—I feel like praising God for what He has done for us. First, I praise God because I am saved, sanctified through His blood, and baptized with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost and fire and have a greater desire to see souls saved and the sick healed than ever before. I want always to be in the center of God's will. In May of 1957, the doctor told me that Rose Mary, age 6, had heart trouble. I believe I was living out of God's will at that time. I began to search my life and pray. In October I took her back to the doctor for a check-up and he said her heart was perfect. I do sincerely thank and praise God for healing her. I have a girl now 4 years old who is almost blind in one eye. Every Christian who reads this, please pray for her that God will straighten her eyes and give her sight back because I know that God can heal her.

I thank God for the Church of God and for the brothers and sisters in the church at Mullins. They have been such a blessing to us. They prayed for us and helped us get things that we needed. I think they are the best family in the world. Pray for us that we will be a blessing and live so others can see Jesus in our lives. Pray that God will save my children. I thank God for Brother and Sister Brummitt who have been a great blessing to us since coming to Mullins. I truly thank God for Sister Minnie Lane. I think she is the sweetest person I have every known.

—Mrs. Guy Herring

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Takes Off Steel Brace After Prayer

PORTLAND, Ore.—Thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I had to wear a steel brace from 1953 until the first part of October, 1957. One Sunday night Brother R. D. Walters, from California, was preaching for us at our church in St. Johns, Oregon. After the altar service, Brother Walters prayed for the sick and afflicted. I did not go right away to be prayed for, but after others were prayed for I asked Brother Walters if he would pray for me.

When I was prayed for I began to feel so light. When I went home I took my brace off and have not put it on since. I had two ribs broken and two vertebrae torn loose. Also I had been in a number of accidents which left my body in bad condition.

I had been prayed for so much I had almost given up hope of ever getting well.

I am so thankful for the goodness of the Lord. Now I can do all my work and work for other people.

—Mrs. W. R. McCluey

With patience bear the lot to thee assigned, nor think it chance, nor murmur at the load; for know what man calls fortune, is from God.—Rowe.

in memoriam

A GREAT WARRIOR HAS FALLEN

REV. E. M. ELLIS

On the morning of December 31, 1957, at his home in Clearwater, Florida, the Reverend E. M. Ellis suffered a fatal heart attack, and he passed on to his future abode. Brother Ellis was near 63 years of age and had not been well since his first heart attack just after the last General Assembly. He was a member of the Church of God in Clearwater and had the respect of our entire church.

He was a stalwart character for God and the Church. He fought for his convictions and was known generally for his stand on holiness. He was fearless when defending the Church or its doctrine, whether standing alone or with others.

He had served the general Church on various boards and committees for many years and was a member of the Supreme Council at his death. He had pastored some of our largest churches and had served as state overseer for many years. He was well-known throughout the Church, and his ministry will be greatly missed. His 39 years of ministry in the Church will live on and his influence will be felt for many years. The Church has lost a great warrior, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope; we look for him again in the first resurrection, and have great consolation in the thought "that those who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

He commanded his children after him; all his family are Christians and members of the Church. His three sons are ministers and his daughter married a minister. They are B. E. Ellis, Overseer of Missouri; Vep Ellis, who is doing evangelistic work; Henry B. Ellis, pastor in Columbus, Ohio; and Tannis, wife of W. C. Byrd, Overseer of Tennessee. He was devoted to his family; Sister Ellis, their children and grandchildren will miss him greatly, but their loss is heaven's gain.

HE LIVED A LIFE

What was his creed? I do not know his creed, I only know that here below, he walked the common road and lifted many a load, lightened the task, brightened the day for others toiling on a weary way; this, his only need: I do not know his creed.

What was his creed? I never heard him speak of visions rapturous of alpine peak of doctrine, dogma, new or old; but this I know, he was forever bold to stand alone to face the challenge of each day, and live the truth, so far as he could see—the truth that evermore makes free.

His creed? I care not what his creed; enough that never yielded he to greed, but served a brother in his daily need; plucked many a thorn and planted many a flower; glorified the service of each hour; had faith in God, himself, and fellow men; perchance he never thought in terms of creed; I only know he lived a life, in deed!

—*H. L. Chesser*

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BROUS

Brother Brous was born December 8, 1890, and passed away September 11, 1957, at San Pablo, California.

He accepted the Lord in 1923 and later joined the Church of God at Shamrock, Texas. He was licensed to preach in the Church of God in 1931. Brother Brous' ministry was in Texas, Mississippi, South Carolina and California, serving as pastor, evangelist and district pastor. He built and contributed to the building of several churches. He was ordained in 1937 at Paris, Texas, where he pastored and built the church. He was a loyal church member while he was not active in the ministry. He leaves to mourn his passing two daughters and a host of friends.

The funeral was conducted by the Reverend R. E. Williams, Overseer of California, the Reverend R. O. Woodruff, and the Reverend A. J. Allen, at the chapel of the Mission Bells in San Pablo, California.

—*A. J. Allen, pastor*

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RICHARDS

Sister Effie Belle Richards, age 53, departed this life to be with Jesus on December 20, 1956. She was a faithful member of the West Knoxville Church of God. Her funeral was conducted at the West Knoxville Church by the Reverend B. L. Alford, her pastor, whom she loved as if he were her own son, and her Sunday School teacher, Brother Wayne Mowery. It was in her home I saw the *Evangel* for the first time. She loved the *Evangel* very much and was so proud to be a member of the Church of God.

We feel our loss is heaven's gain. Her body was laid to rest in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee. —*Anna Louise Richards, daughter-in-law*

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MASHBURN

Mrs. Susie Lurene Mashburn, a minister in the Church of God, departed this life on October 28, 1957, from her home in Steele, Missouri. Born in Lexington, Alabama, on October 5, 1919, she was thirty-eight years of age at her death.

Converted at an early age, she had been known for her faithful and pious life. She had pastored Little River, Missouri, and until her health failed, was very active in church work in Southeast, Missouri. At her death she was a member of the Tyler, Missouri, Church of God.

Funeral services were conducted at the Tyler Church of God on October 30, 1957. Officiating was the Reverend B. E. Ellis, Overseer of Missouri, assisted by the Reverend Walter Wilhite, Sister Mashburn's pastor.

Sister Mashburn is survived by her husband, Oliver Paul Mashburn; four sons, Jimmy Paul, Roger, David, and Nathaniel; one daughter, Martha Faye Mashburn; her mother, Mrs. Roxie Davis; three brothers, Bud Davis, Hershel Davis, and Arthur Davis; five sisters, Mrs. Jannie Lefan, Mrs. Eula Palmer, Mrs. Tessie Smith, Mrs. Beatrice Gestring, and Mrs. Lucille Hall; a number of nephews and nieces, other relations, and a host of friends. —*Reporter*

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Memory Verse: *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear,"* 1 Peter 3:15.

Monday, February 10

Scripture, Psalm 119:97-112

Read and study God's Word! Every member of the family must realize the necessity of a personal knowledge of what the Scriptures teach; first, that each might be established in his own spiritual experience and life, and then, that we might "give reason of our hope" to others. *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*

Pray that each might have a greater hunger for the knowledge of God's Word.

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Tuesday, February 11

Scripture, Luke 6:47-49

"Ye must be born again." Discuss what the Bible teaches concerning the new birth (John 3, Luke 13:3, etc.) It is the parents' responsibility to try to lead each child to a personal experience of salvation. We cannot just assume that our children have accepted Christ because they are good and obedient children. They can often be led to a definite understanding and faith in the family altar.

Pray especially for the unsaved.

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Wednesday, February 12

Scripture, Acts 8:26-40

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," Mark 16:16. Including such Scriptures as Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9, 10; John 3:22, 23, discuss the necessity of following the Lord in baptism. Many true believers have not understood the true significance of water baptism. Our children are to understand why they are to follow this important command of our Lord when they have believed.

Pray for a greater understanding of all the teachings of the Bible and for grace to follow Christ more perfectly.

Thursday, February 13

Scripture, 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Stress the necessity of sanctification and holiness. In John 17:17 Christ prays for the sanctification of His disciples. In Hebrews 12:14 we are told to *"follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."*

Let us pray for ourselves that we might be holy even as He is holy.

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Friday, February 14

Scripture, Acts 2:1-18, 29

Present the Bible teaching of the Holy Ghost baptism with the evidence of speaking with other tongues (Acts 10:44-46, Acts 2:1-7). Many sincere Christians who believe in the scriptural truth of the Holy Ghost baptism are indifferent about seeking this wonderful blessing. Urge a fuller appreciation of the Holy Ghost not only as a Giver of joy (Acts 13:52), but as One who empowers for service (Acts 1:8), as a Teacher (Luke 12:12), a comforter (John 16:7), a Guide (John 16:13), and a Sealer (Ephesians 1:13).

Pray especially for those who have not received the Holy Ghost.

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Saturday, February 15

Scripture, James 5:13-16

"With His stripes we are healed." What a wonderful Christ we have! He provides for every spiritual need but also promises divine healing for every believer. Let us call to mind the great miracles of healing Christ performed on earth, testify of the healings we have experienced and remember that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. *"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."*

Have special prayer for the sick.

Pray for a special request. I have confidence in your prayers.
—A sister in Christ
Calhoun, Georgia

Pray for Mrs. Anna Thompson to be healed. *—Route 5, Box 410*
Chillicothe, Ohio

Pray for me to be healed of a hurting in my body.
—Mrs. W. H. Wilbanks
Docena, Alabama

Pray for me to be healed of an enlarged liver, and infection.
—Mrs. Pearl Morgan
Pittsburg, Kansas

Pray for my daughter that she will draw closer to God. Also pray for an unspoken request.
—Mrs. W. M. Parks
Bastian, Virginia

Pray for my husband to be healed. *—Mrs. John Lawson*
Walling, Tennessee

Pray for me to be healed.
—Mrs. Belvia Back
Hampton, Virginia

Pray for my brother who has encephalitis and is unsaved.
—Mrs. Frances Posey
Birmingham, Alabama

Pray for me to have a greater burden and compassion for the lost, also to have a spirit of prayer.
—Rev. M. H. Chavis
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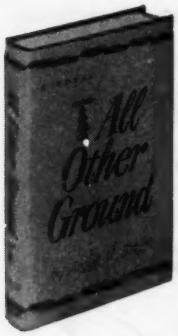

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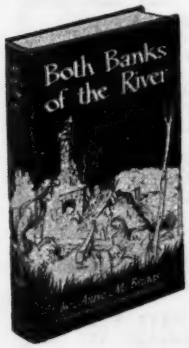

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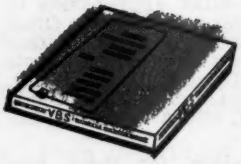

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